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REMARKS

DETAILED ACTION

1. The Examiner stated that newly submitted claims 8-20 were directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: That these claims directed to an invention other than the method as originally claimed. Because that claims 8-20 drawn to an apparatus versus the process as originally claimed, and in this case, it is clearly that the apparatus as claimed can be used to practice another and materially different process such as transferring or positioning of other electronic devices or assembly parts, etc., instead of the method invention of claims 1-5 (as originally filed). (MPEP § 806.05(e)). Further, applicant be aware that the Office generally does not permit shift of invention and/or elected subject matter (see section 819 of the MPEP).

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 8-20 are withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Applicants have respectfully canceled Claims 8-20 as requested by the Examiner.

2. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

In the title:

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The title should be changed to: -"Method for maintaining operability of a flexible self conforming Printed Circuit Board"-.

Applicant has amended the title to "**Method for Maintaining Operability of a Flexible, Self Conforming, Printed Circuit Board Support System**".

Applicants believe the Title, as amended, overcomes the objection by the Examiner. Applicants earnestly request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the title, as amended.

The abstract:

The abstract should have been revised to readable on the claimed method invention and should be limited within range of 50-100 words and in a single paragraph.

Applicants have submitted a replacement abstract which is approximately within a range of 50-100 words and in a single paragraph. Applicants believe the revised abstract overcomes the objection by the Examiner. Applicants earnestly request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to the abstract.

The Specification:

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The lengthy specification has not been checked to the extent necessary to determine the presence of all possible minor errors.

Applicants have reviewed the specification and have not recognized any minors errors. Applicant respectfully appreciates the Examiner's mention of such.

The claims:

a) Upper case "Printed Circuit Board" (claims 1-7) should be changed to: — printed circuit board-.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6, and 7 have been amended herein to change "Printed Circuit Board" to "printed circuit board".

Applicants believe that Claims 1-7 are in condition for issuance based upon the amendments herein as directed by the Examiner. Applicants earnestly request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to Claims 1-8 based upon the grammatical presentation of "printed circuit board".

b) "a pliant material" (claim 2, line 2) should be changed to: - a pliant material as molded rubber".

Applicants respectfully note, that they are entitled to the broadest claims possible. The Examiner has not presented justification for narrowing the claim from "a pliant material" to "a pliant material as molded rubber". The ninth aspect of the present

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invention, presents the following: "*A ninth aspect of the present invention is the inclusion of the protective member in a molded compliant member, which slides over the top of the elongated support member,*" therefore Applicants believe that Claim 2 is supported as disclosed.

Applicants believe Claim 2 as submitted is in correct format. Applicants earnestly request the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the objection to Claim 2 based upon the argument submitted herein. Should the Examiner consider differently, Applicants respectfully request an Examiner's conference call and, if agreed upon and required, an Examiner's amendment.

c) "the method comprising additional step of:" (claims 6-7, line 2) should be changed to:-further comprising step of:-.

Applicants have amended Claims 6 and 7 as follows:

"The method for maintaining reliability of a ~~Printed Circuit Board~~ printed circuit board support apparatus of Claim 1, ~~the method comprising the additional step of~~ further comprising a step of:"

d) Non-elected apparatus claims 8-20 are required to be cancelled.

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Applicants have cancelled claims 8-20 as directed by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully intend on resubmitting the cancelled claims in a divisional application for reexamination as a newly claimed invention.

e) Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any additional errors of which applicant may become aware in the claims.

Applicants have reviewed the remaining claims for any additional errors.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

CONCLUSIONS

The Examiner has established a shortened statutory period of two (2) months for response to the Office Action mailed on November 09th, 2005. Applicants have responded to the Office Action on or before January 09th, 2006 with a proper certificate of correspondence. Therefore, Applicant believes the response is considered timely and no additional fees are required. Applicant believes a complete response is submitted herein. Applicant believes the amendments have not introduced any new matter. Applicants have not added any additional claims as the prosecution is considered closed.

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The present application, after entry of this amendment, comprises seven (07) claims, including one (1) independent claim. Applicant has already submitted sufficient fees with the original application for twenty (20) claims, including three (3) independent claims. Applicant, therefore, believes that no additional fees respective to the pending claims are currently due.

Applicants believe that all remaining claims (1-7) are in condition for allowance. Applicants earnestly believe the amendments and remarks have overcome the objections and rejections of Claims 1-7. Applicants are co-inventors to the remaining claims herein.

If the Examiner believes that there are any informalities that can be corrected by Examiner's amendment, a telephone call to the Agent of Record (Allen Hertz) at (561) 883-0115 (Office)(Please leave a message) or (561) 716-3915 (cell phone) is respectfully solicited.

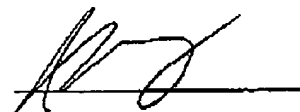
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